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TRIBUTE TO

Kirk T. Steudle

WHEREAS, Kirk T. Steudle, P. E., has been a celebrated leader at the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for 31 years, beginning his career in 1987 as a registered professional engineer and serving as Metro Region Deputy Region Engineer, Bay Region Engineer and MDOT's Chief Deputy Director prior to his appointment as State Transportation Director, where his 13-year tenure as Director is unprecedented in the Department's modern era; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steudle has provided exceptional leadership in MDOT's budget, construction, maintenance and operation processes, where he has overseen the administration of a wide range of statewide multi-modal transportation programs and earned a reputation for fostering a culture of collegiality and open communication with members of the staff and public; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steudle was the 2014 chair of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Executive Committee and has served on the TRB Executive Committee since 2004, in addition to chairing the Strategic Highway Research Program Oversight Committee for TRB, serving as president of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) from 2011 to 2012 and has been a member of the AASHTO Board of Directors since 2006; and

WHEREAS, in his time as Director, Mr. Steudle has made innovation a Department priority and led the Department in pioneering performance measures and asset management principles, establishing himself as an early advocate for the role of infrastructure in the deployment of connected and autonomous vehicles, a topic on which he has become an international leader; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steudle was named one of America's Top 25 Government Innovators by Government Technology, received the Felix A. Anderson Image Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan in 2013, was one of nine alumni inducted into the inaugural Lawrence Technical University Department of Engineering Alumni Hall of Fame in 2012, was the recipient of the 2011 P.D. MacLean Award from the Road Gang for excellence in highway transportation, and recipient of the prestigious Thomas H. MacDonald award from AASHTO, recognizing him as a national leader for his continuous outstanding service and exceptional contribution to highway engineering; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steudle has been a tremendous model of leadership and an internationally recognized pioneer, developing a respected reputation for himself and the Department in his 31 years of service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Transportation Commission, on behalf of the people of Michigan, does hereby acknowledge the many valuable contributions made by Mr. Kirk T. Steudle to promote quality government in our state, particularly in the field of transportation, and wish him all the best in the years ahead.



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